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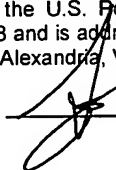
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. This reply is the submittal for a Request for Continued Examination filed this same day. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Currently, Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

The Current Status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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